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## MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

The first meeting of the Corporation under the new charter was held in New York City January 28, at the Jewish Theological Seminary, in connection with the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis. Reports were presented, and Trustees and Officers were elected for the coming year. The former twelve elective Trustees were reelected, including Prof. Julian Morgenstern, who had taken the place of the late Prof. Morris Jastrow, Jr. The former officers were also reelected. There was discussion of the provisional By-Laws offered for consideration and the criticisms presented were referred back to the Trustees for further consideration.

In the evening of the same day a large and interested audience attended the annual meeting of the Fund for Biblical and Oriental Research. Prof. W. J. Moulton gave an account of the work of the American Schools of Oriental Research and Prof. Mary I. Hussey presented her report as Field Secretary. There followed illustrated talks on archaeological subjects: by Prof. A. T. Clay on Prospects of Babylonian Archaeology; by Prof. George A. Barton on Weill's Excavations on the Ophel Hill, Jerusalem; and by Prof. James A. Montgomery on Recent Discoveries in Palestine.

## MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees held extended meetings on the same day that the Corporation met. Eleven of the fifteen Trustees were present. Much business was transacted, of which the following report gives a partial summary.

The following appointments were made to the Staff of the School in Jerusalem: President James A. Kelso of the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, and Prof. Nathaniel Schmidt, of Cornell University, as Honorary Lecturers for 1922-23; Prof. Paul Haupt, of Johns Hopkins University, as Annual Professor for 1923-24. Prof. W. H. P. Hatch is the Annual Professor designate for 1922-23. Mr. Norman McClintock, of Pittsburgh, was recommended to Director Albright for attachment to the

Staff as Honorary Scholar. Mr. McClintock, who is an expert artist in moving pictures, expects to go to Palestine this year to take pictures of the native life there.

The gift by Mrs. Jastrow of Professor Jastrow's valuable library was announced. This collection of books will be given to the proposed School at Bagdad to fill out the Wm. Hayes Ward Library so far as that is necessary, the balance of the books going to the Jerusalem School.

It had been originally planned to raise a fund to purchase these books, but as this purpose was obviated by Mrs. Jastrow's generous gift, it was decided to proceed with raising a fund in memory of Professor Jastrow, the increment of which shall be used for the libraries of the School, or if possibly the fund reaches a sufficient amount, for the erection of a Jastrow Memorial Library at Jerusalem. A committee was appointed, consisting of the Executive Committee and President Cyrus Adler and Prof. Julian Morgenstern. This committee is already at work and will welcome all gifts, large and small, from friends of the honored scholar.

Professor Clay reported that plans for the new School building donated by Dr. and Mrs. James B. Nies were being prepared at the Yale School of Architecture. These plans include the general layout of buildings in the future development of the property. Dr. Nies announced that as soon as these plans were ready, he would sail to Palestine to undertake the preliminaries for building, and if prospects were favorable, begin the building.

The erection of buildings on our property is now rendered possible through legal action taken last summer before the Palestine Government which finally gave the Corporation legal title to the land. Under the old Turkish law the land had to be held by a native trustee in his own name, a very precarious tenure. It was also decided to raise a fund in memory of the late Prof. John P. Peters, whose loss to archaeology is profoundly felt. The idea had been already approved by members of his family, who expressed their gratification at the appropriateness of the memorial. The definite object will be a fund bearing his name to be used in endowment of the School at Bagdad or of excavations in Babylonia. The committee appointed for this cause consists of the President, the Secretary, Dr. Nies and Prof. A. V. Williams Jackson.

The appointment of Director Albright was renewed, indefinitely. The Treasurer announced the gift of \$1,000 from the Zion Research Foundation for the search for manuscripts bearing upon the Bible. This gift was gratefully acknowledged and a committee consisting of Professors Barton, Bacon and Ropes was appointed to consider the best ways of using the fund.

At a meeting in the Fall the sum of \$500 was appropriated to Director Albright to be used for minor excavations, in the first place for archaeological soundings of our property, where interesting remains of the Roman age have been found, and secondly for experimental work at Tell el-Ful two miles to the north of Jerusalem, held by many to be the Biblical Gibeah.

As required by the By-Laws drawings were made for the terms of the elective Trustees, resulting as follows: For one year, Adler, Bacon, Jackson, Torrey; two years, Butler, Montgomery, Morgenstern, Ropes; three years, Barton, Clay, Newell, Nies.

Prof. R. V. D. Magoffin, of Johns Hopkins, the new President of the Archaeological Institute of America, becomes, *ex officio*, a member of the Trustees, succeeding Professor Egbert, the late President.

The Provident Life and Trust Company of Philadelphia has been appointed Assistant Treasurer of the Corporation.